GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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IMPORTED PALM OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total quantum of palm oil imported during last three years alongwith the names of the countries;

(b) whether the Government is considering a proposal of increasing palm oil imports;

(c) if so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(d) the cost and sale price of palm oil alongwith the cost of refining the imported crude palm oil;

(e) whether sale of indigenous palm oil has been adversely effected by indiscriminate pricing; and

(f) if so, the remedial measures being taken by the Government?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): The total quantum of palm oil and its fractions imported during last three years has been 84.40 lakh MTs. Palm Oil is imported mainly from Malaysia & Indonesia.

(b), (c), (d), (e) & (f): Import of edible oils (except coconut oil) is under Open General License (OGL). The quantum of imports depends upon commercial judgement of the importers. The cost and sale price of palm oil including indigenous palm oil depends upon market situation and availability.